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For: *Method and Kits for Preparing* )  
*Multicomponent Nucleic Acid Constructs* )

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**REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time, from April 4, 2000 up to and including June 4, 2000, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action dated January 4, 2000.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate extension fee of \$190, as well as any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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